

# The Father's wholesome Admonition :

O R,

A Lumping Pennyworth of Good Counsell for Bad Husbands,

To the Tune of Gimm King of the Chops.

Licensed according to Order.



**M**y Son if you reckon to Wed,  
and take your self to a kind Wife,  
Then then, let it never be said,  
but that you'll reform your old Life :  
There's many good pounds you have spent,  
the which you had reason to prize,  
For labour in time to repent,  
'tis good to be merry and wise.

Be sure keep a penny in store,  
'twill help you when Friends they may fall;  
For should you spend all, and grow too poor,  
your Case you'll have cause to bewail :

In Troubles you'll strangely be hurt'd,  
the which will your Senses surprize :  
But he that will thrive in this World  
must learn to be merry and wise.

Perchance you may meet with a Friend,  
which doth to your Dealings belong,  
If with him a Letter you spend,  
this can do you no great wrong,  
And then to your Labour again,  
it being enough to suffice ;  
This care will your Household maintain,  
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There's many a Woman well bred,  
has marry'd a prodigal Knave,  
So that the same day she was Wed  
'twere better she had gone to her Grave,  
Her Bands and her Livings all sold,  
which caus'd Tears to flow from her Eyes,  
And likewise true Friendship grew cold,  
then 'tis good to be merry and wise

Son, if a Rich Wife be thy Lot,  
be carefull and chasty I pray,  
For Means is not so easily got,  
as it may be squander'd away:  
Be carefull and always contrive  
those temporal Blessings to prize;  
For he that is willing to thrive  
must learn to be merry and wise.

There's some that are absolute poor,  
as well I can make it appear,  
Who will in strong Liquor spend more  
than some that has hundreds a year,  
And bying their poor Families low,  
and can't get wherewith to suffice;  
But that Man would never do so,  
who learns to be merry and wise.

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The Work-man that is a born Lad,  
you'll find his Condition is thus,  
If Trading you'd chance to grow bad,  
he scarce has a Groat in his Purse,  
While he that doth get, spend, and save,  
has always enough to suffice:  
Then Son if this Blessing you'd have,  
then learn to be merry and wise.

This Counsel which to you I give,  
I prize it more dearer than Gold  
And then you in  
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